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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - NEUTRON BOMB

1. MEDIA GAVE MODERATELY HEAVY PLAY TO NEWS REPORTS. TWO COMMENTARIES APPEARED:

2. WEEKLY PRO-PSD NEWSPAPER "ESPRESSO" PUBLISHED ANALYSIS OF NEUTRON BOMB DISCUSSIONS WITHIN US GOVT, BALANCING ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON. ARTICLE NEVERTHELESS CALLED NEUTRON BOMB "A NEW DAMOCLES SWORD WHICH MENACES EUROPE". ARTICLE ALSO SAID THAT WITH THIS DEVICE "THE LATEST REFINEMENT IN WAR TECHNOLOGY IS WITHIN REACH OF ARMIES: A BOMB WHICH KILLS BUT DOES NOT DESTROY."

3. ANALYSIS BY D. DELLINGER IN JULY 23 LEADING CIRCULATION, PRO-GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" TOOK GRIM VIEW OF NEUTRON BOMB IN LENGTHY RUNDOWN ON "ARMS RACE." HEADLINE WAS, "INCREASING EUROPEAN INSECURITY:

THE ARMS RACE REFLECTS IMPERIALISMS' PARANOIA." WRITER SAID NEITHER US NOR USSR HAD RATIFIED VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD, WHILE "THE VIENNA TALKS BETWEEN THE WARSAW PACT AND NATO ON MUTUAL LAND-FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE ALSO HAD FAILED TO SHOW ANY PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS...(WHILE) THE SALT ACCORDS IN NO WAY LIMITED NEW ARMS RESEARCH." THUS, DELLINGER SAID, BOTH SUPERPOWERS HAD CONTINUED TO DEVELOP EVER MORE SOPHISTICATED ARMS. AFTER DETAILED RUNDOWN ON SUCH ARMS SYSTEMS, DELLINGER DISCUSSED NEUTRON BOMB: "BECAUSE OF ITS CONTROLLED

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EXPLOSION, THE 'DIRTY' BOMB IS DESTINED FOR EUROPE, TO KILL THE ADVERSARY WITHOUT DESTROYING ROADS, BRIDGES, INDUSTRY, ETC.... THIS ARMS RACE -- THE OUTLINE GIVEN HERE AMOUNTS TO A PALE SHADOW OF ITS REALITY -- PUTS INTO QUESTION THE MAJOR PROBLEM OF THE SUPERPOWERS' ATTITUDE AND THE NECESSITY OF FINDING WAYS FOR PEACEFUL, NON-IMPERIALISTIC NATIONS TO AVOID THE DANGERS THEY WOULD BE SUBJECTED

TO IN EVENT OF CONFLICT...."

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